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SUBJECT: GULF OIL TO PARTICIPATE IN OMAN OIL EXPLORATION

1. REPS OF BOTH GULF OIL COMAPANY AND QUINTANA HAVE TOLD US THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH OMANGOV FOR GULF TO TAKE 40 PERCENT PARTNERSHIP IN QUINTANA'S EXISTING OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSION IN SUNAINA AREA OF NORTHERN OMAN. THEY EXPECT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS SOON BY GULF OIL IN HOUSTON AND POSSIBLY BY PETROLEUM MINISTRY IN MUSCAT AS WELL. GULF'S PARTICIPATION IS WELCOM BECAUSE QUINTANA LACKED SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO EXPLORE SUNAINA CONCESSION ADEQUATELY.

2. QUINTANA IS APPROACHING HALFWAY POINT OF 2-1/2 YEAR CONCESSION AND INTENDING DRILL TWO EXPLORATORY WELLS BY MID-1978. UNDER NEW PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT, QUINTANA WILL BE OPERATING PARTNER IN OMAN. THOUGH GULF AND OMANGOV IN THEIR TALKS SINCE SPRING OF 1976 HAVE

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ALSO BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE SEPARATE GULF CONCESSION IN DHOFAR, THIS NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY TO MATERIALIZE IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. GULF'S ONLY PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION IN OMANI OIL SCENE IS ITS ONGOING CONTRACT WITH PETROLEUM MINISTRY FOR PURCHASE 30,000 B/D OF OMANI CRUDE. THIS IS UNAFFECTED BY NEW ARRANGE-

MENT WITH QUINTANA.
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